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For: Corrugated Leaching Chamber

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AMENDMENT

To: Commissioner for Patents

1. Please amend the claims as shown in the attached status of claims.

REMARKS

Amended claims

Applicants submit this amendment in connection with the RCE they have filed on even date herewith. With reference to the final rejection of May 15, 2006, applicants argue for patentability of their amended claims as follows:

Claim 3 is amended to include subject matter in claim 11. Claim 11 is accordingly cancelled. The dependent claims are amended in the most part for consistency with claim 3. Withdrawn claims are cancelled, but for two of them which applicants think were mistakenly not rejoined in the prior office action. (See below.)

As amended, claim 3 embraces a chamber having a sidewall portion with perforations which are horizontal slots; they slope downwardly, and the slot vertical opening height increases with elevation from the base.

In claim 3 the term "opening height" is used and defined, replacing the previous word "height". That feature is thus more clearly distinguished from what applicants call "elevation". See Fig. 5 and specification page 4 for definition of slot height now contained within the claim.